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SUBJECT: US ARMS SALES POLICY

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1. FOLLOWING ARE SUPPLEMENTARY TALKING POINTS TO BE DRAWN
UPON IN EXPLAINING PRESIDENTIAL DECISION ON US ARMS SALES
POLICY. BASIC GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

2. FYI: THIS DECISION WILL NOT AFFECT THE SALE OF C-130'S TO SUDAN, WHICH IS NOW BEFORE CONGRESS TO REVIEW. ONCE THIS REVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND DEPENDING UPON CONGRESSIONAL REACTION, WE ARE PREPARED TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO A FORMAL SUDANESE REQUEST FOR F-5'S. END FYI.

3. THE SUDAN GOVERNMENT MAY ASK IF THIS NEW POLICY MEANS THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE UNWILLING TO SELL MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO SUDAN IN THE FUTURE, GIVEN THAT IT IS NOT A TRADITIONAL 'FRIEND OR ALLY" AND WE HAVE NOT IN THE PAST VIEWED ARMS TRANSFERS TO SUDAN AS BEING IN OUR NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST. IF SUCH A QUESTION IS ASKED, EMBASSY MAY AMPLIFY THE BASIC GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

-- IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL RETAIN ITS FLEXIBILITY TO DEAL WITH CHANGING SITUATIONS.

-- REQUESTS FROM NEW PURCHASERS AND FROM TRADITIONAL PURCHASERS BOTH WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS IN LIGHT OF THE NEW POLICY GUIDELINES.

-- WITH THE GROWING PROBLEMS ON THE HORN OF AFRICA, IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY EVIDENT THAT SUDAN CAN BE A FORCE FOR STABILITY. THE UNITED STATES HAS ALWAYS VIEWED
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PEACE AND STABILITY IN THIS AREA AS BEING IN ITS INTEREST. ANY SUDANESE REQUEST FOR US ARMS WILL BE VIEWED IN THIS LIGHT. CHRISTOPHER

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